



2008 Rhode Island Salute to Small Business Award Winners

Small Business Person of the Year

**Eric Weiner, President
All Occasion Transportation
Pawtucket, Rhode Island**

National Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Small Business of the Year

**Robert A. Antignano, President
Angelo's Civita Farnese
Providence, Rhode Island**

Joseph G. E. Knight Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence

**Deborah and Edward Sullivan, Owners
Kid's Kingdom
Cranston, Rhode Island**

SBA Rhode Island District Director Award

**Barbara Arena, Vice President
CIT Small Business Lending Corporation**

**William Benford, Vice President
UPS Capital Business Credit**

**Frank Casale Jr., Senior Vice President
Sovereign Bank New England**

Financial Services Champion of the Year

Rhode Island and New England

**Scott Lajoie, Vice President
The Washington Trust Company
Providence, Rhode Island**

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Minority Small Business Champion of the Year
Rhode Island and New England

**Monah H. Rhodes, Business Development Specialist
Rhode Island Coalition for Minority Investment
Providence, Rhode Island**

Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year
Rhode Island and New England

**David J. Rego, Deputy Commander for Small Business
Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport
Newport, Rhode Island**

Women in Business Champion of the Year

**Denise A. Barge, Executive Director
Minority Investment Development Corporation
Rhode Island Coalition for Minority Investment
Providence, Rhode Island**

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